

## GRADING SYSTEM

*Our current grading system does not allow the computation of grade point averages. Individual class rank is not computed.*

### *Fall 2025 to date*

The percentage of Honors grades in most courses is limited to 40%. At the option of an instructor, a course with 15 or fewer students may be exempt from this limit. An exempt course is marked by an asterisk (\*). Grades assigned in satisfaction of the Supervised Analytic Writing requirement and grades assigned in Supervised Research courses are also exempt.

*1968-Fall 2025:* There was no required curve for grades in Yale Law School classes.

Grades assigned in the Law School are as follows:

### *From September 2015 to date*

<b><u>HONORS</u></b>	Performance in the course demonstrates superior mastery of the subject.
<b><u>PASS</u></b>	Successful performance in the course.
<b><u>LOW PASS</u></b>	Performance in the course is below the level that on average is required for the award of a degree.
<b><u>CREDIT</u></b>	The course has been completed satisfactorily without further specification of level of performance. All first-term required courses are offered only on a credit-fail basis. Certain advanced courses are offered only on a credit-fail basis.
<b><u>FAILURE</u></b>	No credit is given for the course.

### *From September 1968 through June 2015*

<b>H</b>	Work done in this course is significantly superior to the average level of performance in the School.
<b>P</b>	Successful performance of the work in the course.
<b>LP</b>	Work done in the course is below the level of performance which on the average is required for the award of a degree.
<b>CR</b>	Grade which indicates that the course has been completed satisfactorily without further specification of level of performance. All first-term required courses are offered only on a credit-fail basis. Certain advanced courses offered only on a credit-fail basis.
<b>F</b>	No credit is given for the course.
<b>*</b>	Provisional grade.

*The following marks may also appear on some transcripts:*

<b><u>CRG</u></b>	Credit for work completed at another school as part of an approved joint-degree program; counts toward the graded unit requirement.
<b><u>RC</u></b>	Requirement completed; indicates J.D. participation in Moot Court or Barrister's Union.
<b><u>T</u></b>	Ungraded transfer credit for work done at another law school.
<b><u>TG</u></b>	Transfer credit for work completed at another law school; counts toward graded unit requirement.
<b><u>EXT</u></b>	In-progress work for which an extension has been approved.
<b><u>INC</u></b>	Late work for which no extension has been approved.
<b><u>NCR</u></b>	No credit given because of late withdrawal from course or other reason noted in term comments.

*Grading systems prior to 1968 are available on the Yale Law School website <http://law.yale.edu/registrar>.*

Classes matriculating September 1968 through September 1986 must have successfully completed 81 semester hours of credit for the J.D. (Juris Doctor) degree. Classes matriculating September 1987 through September 2004 must have successfully completed 82 credits for the J.D. degree. Classes matriculating September 2005 to date must have successfully completed 83 credits for the J.D. degree. A student must have completed 24 semester hours for the LL.M. (Master of Laws) degree and 27 semester hours for the M.S.L. (Master of Studies in Law) degree. The J.S.D. (Doctor of the Science of Law) degree is awarded upon approval of a thesis that is a substantial contribution to legal scholarship.

For additional degree requirements and descriptions of prizes refer to the Yale Law School Bulletin <https://bulletin.yale.edu/>.

*Yale Law School has been continuously accredited by the American Bar Association since 1923. Yale University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education.*

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